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SUBJ: GREENFIELD MISSION TO TURKEY

1. SPECIAL U.N. MISSION LED BY SIR HARRY GREENFIELD DEPARTED ANKARA JANUARY 18 AFTER 10 DAY VISIT, DURING WHICH NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS ON POPPY PROGRAM. FOLLOWING ARE KEY POINTS WHICH EMERGED IN OUR TALKS WITH MISSION MEMBERS REGARDING THEIR VISIT:

A. CONTROL SYSTEM. MISSION INDICATED THE TURKS APPEAR TO HAVE SUFFICIENT MANPOWER AND RESOURCES TO MOUNT AN EFFECTIVE CONTROL PROGRAM, BUT HAVE NOT YET TAKEN THE NECESSARY STEPS TO INSURE COORDINATION OF CONTROL EFFORTS BY THE JANDARMA, TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE, TMO AND OTHER UNITS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM.

B. COORDINATION WITHIN TURKISH GOVERNMENT. MISSION WAS TOLD BY TURKS THAT TMO HAS BEEN GIVEN OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR POPPY STRAW PROGRAM, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF THIS IN THE RECENTLY ISSUED DECREE PROHIBITING INCISION (ANKARA 434). IT IS NOT YET CLEAR HOW TMO WILL COORDINATE

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REGULATION AND CONTROL ACTIVITIES WITH JANDARMA, NATIONAL POLICE,

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C. COMPENSATION OF FARMERS. THIS APPEARED TO BE MOST CRITICAL ISSUE FOR TURKS, WHO WERE UNDER IMPRESSION THAT REPORT OF PREVIOUS GREENFIELD MISSION HAD COMMITTED THE UN TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO TURKISH FARMERS FOR LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE SWITCH TO POPPY STRAW SYSTEM. TURKS APPARENTLY EXPECTED CURRENT GREENFIELD MISSION TO COME WITH AUTHORITY TO AGREE ON A COMPENSATION FIGURE (THE TURKISH PROPOSAL WAS ROUGHLY 12 TL PER KILOGRAM OF STRAW), AND WHEN THEY LEARNED SIR HARRY DID NOT HAVE SUCH AUTHORITY, TGE TURKS DECLINED TO DISCUSS BASIS ON WHICH THEIR COMPENSATION PROPOSAL HAD BEEN CALCULATED UNTIL UN AGREED TO PROVIDE MONEY.

D. ALKAЛОID PLANT. MISSION SAID FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAD INDICATED THEY WOULD CONSIDER EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS AND POSSIBLE CHANGES IN BID INVITATION. MISSION MADE CLEAR TO TURKS THAT UNDER CURRENT BID INVITATION IT WAS DOUBTFUL AMERICAN OR WEST EURPOEAN FIRMS WOULD BE ABLE TO SUBMIT BIDS.

2. WHILE GREENFIELD TEAM'S CONTACTS DURING THIS VISIT WERE WITH WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS, TEAM WAS ASSURED IT WOULD BE WELCOME TO RETURN IN MARCH FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON POPPY ISSUE AND WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND PERHAPS FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT THAT TIME. BOTH THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS TOLD SIR HARRY THEY WOULD SUPPORT HIM IF HE REQUESTED MEETINGS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL DURING VISIT LAST WEEN, UNFORTUNATELY SIR HARRY DID NOT MAKE SUCH REQUEST THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS UNTIL 10TH AND FINAL DAY OF HIS DISCUSSIONS, AND WE ONLY LEARNED OF THAT REQUEST AS MISSION WAS LEAVING. FOR PRESENT, THE MISSION IS APPARENTLY COUNTING ON ITW WRITTEN REPORT TO HAVE AN EFFECT ON HIGHER LEVEL TURKISH OFFICIALS.

3. GREENFIELD MISSION GENERALLY CONDUCTED ACTIVITIES HERE IN LOW-KEY FASHION. HOWEVER, ON JANUARY 18 TWO LEADING TURKISH DAILIES (CUMHURIYET AND GUNAYDIN) CARRIED STORY ON THE DELEGATION'S VISIT, ERRONEOUSLY IDENTIFYING "AMERICAN NARCOTICS EXPERT" QUENTIN JONES AS HEAD OF THE TEAM AND REPORTING THEY WERE IN TURKEY UNDER THE GUISE OF "TOURISTS," HAD COME "UNINVITED" AND HAD NOT ENGAGED IN OFFICIAL CONTACTS.

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4. COMMENT: GHE GREENFIELD MISSION WAS ABLE TO GET THE TURKS TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS ON ALKAЛОID PLANT, AND TO AGREE MISSION COULD RETURN FOR FUTURE VISITS. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO PROGRESS ON OTHER MAJOR ISSUES WHILE THEY WERE HERE, THE MOST USEFUL PART OF THIS VISIT MAY BE THEIR WRITTEN REPORT. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE TURKS TO HAVE THE GREENFIELD TEAM'S APPROVAL OF GOT POPPY CONTROL

EFFORTS. THE SUCCESS OF THIS VISIT PROBABLY WILL DEPEND ON THE MISSION'S REPORT, WHICH, IF IT FRANKLY EXPRESSES CONCERN AND SETS FORTH SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, COULD WELL HAVE AN IMPORTANT EFFECT ON HIGH LEVEL GOT OFFICIALS.

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